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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4-7, 9, 11-17, 19-20 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 10 has been amended and is presented below in clean form:

10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 8, together with a suitable carrier.

REMARKS

No new matter has been added. The Applicants request entry of the amendments as set forth in the Appendices hereto prior to examination of the application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION OF CLAIM WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim [7]8, together with a suitable carrier.